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Entries Sought for Educators' Art Exhibit at the NJMC *Deadline for Entries is Feb. 17; Show Will Take Place in March*

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The Board of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission invites educators with a creative side and who work for a school district in the Meadowlands that draws from the Meadowlands District to submit their works for the first “Educators’ Art Exhibit,” which will be on display at the NJMC’s Flyway Gallery during the month of March.

“Our teachers not only inspire our children to greater levels of self expression, they themselves have an important story to tell through their own artistic outlets,” said New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner and NJMC Chair Susan Bass Levin. “It is in recognition of this and the many facets of the Meadowlands cultural community that will help us better highlight our goal of highlighting and fostering the unique sense of identity that drives this region’s innovation and balance.”

The deadline to submit works is Feb. 17. Each participant may submit up to three pieces for review. All artwork must be two dimensional, mounted and ready for exhibition. A copy of the official submission form, available at www.njmeadowlands.gov, must be securely attached to the back of each piece being submitted. All works must be delivered to the Meadowlands Environment Center, Two DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst. For more information about the exhibit or to obtain a copy of the submission form and guidelines, call Gil Hawkins at (201) 460-2806.

“From awarding grants to new artists and commissioning important sculptures, to assembling an Arts Advisory Board and hosting arts competitions, the NJMC understands how important the arts are to the revival of the Meadowlands,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “No regional renaissance is possible without an energized creative community capable of imagining the future and finding innovative ways to understand the places where we live.”

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is the zoning and regulatory agency for the 32-square-area along the Hackensack River which covers 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties. Created by an act of State Legislature in 1969, the NJMC is charged with the mandates of environmental protection, economic development and solid waste management. The towns in the Meadowlands District are Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgely, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen and Secaucus.

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